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Identical letters dated 26 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instruction from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the following message with regard to the situation concerning Western Sahara.

The Government of the Republic of Namibia welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy to facilitate a just and lasting solution to the question of Western Sahara in accordance with international law.

However, we are seriously concerned by the current developments in this territory and the attempts to legalize the occupation of Western Sahara through proposals of solutions that are based on the denial of the right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination. Any attempt to depart from the Baker plan, the only viable peaceful solution to the conflict in Western Sahara which provides for a free and fair referendum in Western Sahara, is unacceptable.

The United Nations and particularly the Security Council is therefore urged to reject any attempt to deny the people of Western Sahara their right to self-determination and independence. We request the Security Council to mandate MINURSO to monitor and submit reports on human rights violations across the territory of Western Sahara.

The Government of the Republic of Namibia reiterates its support for the implementation of all General Assembly and Security Council resolutions aimed at holding a free and fair referendum and urges the Government of Morocco to accept the undeniable right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination.

It would be appreciated if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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